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REDS, NATIONALISTS IN SWATOW GUN DUEL

Mainland forces engage Namoa Island defenders LANDING TRY FOILED

Taipei, January 16.

A gun duel between Communist forces in Swatow and Nationalist Chinese on Namoa Island, nearby, was reported today by the Defence Ministry.

Noel-Baker addresses ILO conference

Nuwara Eliya, January 16.
Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, today pledged Britain's all-out assistance to the International Labour Organisation in its efforts to improve the lot of Asian workers.

Mr. Noel-Baker, who conveyed Mr. Ernest Bevin's warmest greetings to the ILO's Asian Regional Conference, which opened here today, said "Economic expansion by joint action of East and West will dominate the future of Asia for years to come."

In a 20-minute speech to the inaugural session of the ILO Regional Conference, Mr. Noel-Baker recalled his role as one of the authors of the ILO Constitution in Paris 30 years ago and the struggle and growth of British labour and trade union movements.

The ILO, he said, "stands on the threshold of a new era of its work for the workers of Asia. The ILO has already made a great record of practical results. It has also laid the intellectual foundations of a future greater than its present."

Optimistic picture
Mr. Noel-Baker surveyed the economic situation in Asia and drew an optimistic picture of the future. "I feel sure things are going to happen, that soon a great enterprise will be under way," he said.

For dams and tube wells, bulldozers and chemical fertilizers, industrial plants and railways, and trucks have become the armory of freedom in our present age. "I am authorised by my Government to say that if the United Kingdom can help in training workers or experts, we shall do so to the very limit of our power."

Mr. Noel-Baker congratulated Indonesia, which is represented for the first time in ILO conferences, and added: "I hope that all the nations of this continent, former allies as well as former enemies, will join in the partnership in achieving Asia's economic freedom."

We hundred and fifty delegates are attending the Conference, the first full-scale Asian regional meeting. Governments, employers and workers from many parts of Asia are represented. Scores of observers and experts from international organizations are also attending.

The ministry made no mention of the progress of fighting on Namoa Island where the Communists have succeeded in establishing a beachhead.

The ministry claimed the Nationalists on Linting Island, near Namoa, had foiled an attempted landing by about 3,000 Reds, who made the assault in fishing boats.

An official Nationalist report here today said that Nationalist planes yesterday pummeled Communist invasion fleets massing off Luichow Peninsula for an invasion of Hainan.

The report said that more than 100 planes took part in the operation. Heavy damage was done, it said.

Other official despatches said the Nationalist Governor, H. Kyo-kwang, was strengthening his position in the far hinterland province of Sikkim, bordering Tibet. He replaced General Liu Wen-hui, the famed West China warrior who defected to the Reds in December.

The reports said he had appealed to civilian inhabitants in Sikkim to co-operate in the drive to uproot pro-Communist forces in the province.

He promised that all persons returning to the Nationalist territory would be pardoned and well treated.

In Taipei, Nationalist newspapers voiced the hope that the visit of U.S. travelling Ambassador Philip Jessup might result in the reshaping of America's policy regarding Taiwan. The papers urged the envoy to note which they termed the Nationalist efforts towards reform.

Nationalist airfield in SW
The Chinese Nationalists announced yesterday that they have established an airfield in South West China and that planes would fly in with supplies for the isolated troops still fighting the Communists, adds United Press.

At the same time the government said it has tightened the naval defences of Hainan Island against an expected Communist invasion while the Formosa bombers strafed Communist concentration points on the China coast.

Government sources said the Nationalists under General Li Mi, stabilised the area in Yunnan province around Mengzi-Chinese miles from the Indo-Chinese border, repelling the airport to Chien Air Transport planes. The first planes are expected to fly out valuable tin ore.

Another Nationalist source reported that General Hu Tsung-nan, unsuccessful defender of Chengtu in Szechuan province, was scoring local successes in Sikkim province chosen by the Nationalists as the centre for anti-Communist guerrilla activities.

The Nationalists saw the possibility that another turncoat provincial governor, General Lu Han of Yunnan province, might re-enter the government fold. Government sources said General Lu has not received proper accolades from the Communists.

Nationalist sources said if they could keep the airfield open in Yunnan they could ferry in enough supplies and money to maintain the Hu Tsung-nan to intercept Lu Han successfully. Official sources said the National forces on Hainan are moving into position to block the Communist invasion thrust from Luichow peninsula. Communist General Chen Keng was reported to be moving up 30,000 regulars toward the North West. Tip of Luichow peninsula, apparently heading for the port of Fakhai.

EASTERN BEAUTY, WESTERN CHIC



Egypt's Princess Fawzia (right), sister of King Farouk, arrives with an unidentified lady for Cairo's first ice skating show, held in the palace of agriculture. Most of Cairo's social elite flocked to see the novel spectacle, which featured exhibition acts by skaters from Canada, Belgium, Sweden and Norway.—AP photo.

Evidence of Yangtse river minelaying

Nationalist minelayers have definitely been operating in the Yangtse river since December 24, Captain A. J. Wright said in Hong Kong yesterday.

Captain Wright, who is the master of the Canadian blockade-running ship, the ss. Lake Canim, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning after his ship failed three times to break the Shanghai blockade.

He said that on December 24, he saw three Nationalist ships, one loaded down with mines, enter the main channel of the Yangtse river, and begin minelaying operations.

He added: "And it is my opinion that the North China port of Tsingtau, where we finally unloaded our 4,500 tons of cargo, will soon be mined also."

The Lake Canim is the first Canadian ship ever to break the Nationalist blockade of Communist-held ports.

Owners of the Lake Canim, the Western Canada Steamship Company, will put the ship in a Hong Kong drydock for reconditioning, Captain Wright said.

He added: "This is the first Canadian ship to break the blockade, and it probably will be the last. We arrived at the mouth of the Yangtse on December 13, and the next day attempted to go to Shanghai. After protesting for five days, a Nationalist warship fired a warning shot at us and ordered us back to the high seas."

No attempt to help
"If the Communists really wanted foreign ships to trade with them, they could have easily placed some guns covering the river approaches, or could use the artillery batteries on Wosung Fort at least, but they did not make the slightest attempt to help us."

Captain Wright said that he attempted to break the blockade twice under cover of darkness, but both times the Nationalist ships picked the Lake Canim up on radar, and forced her back on the high seas.

On the second and third attempts, the Nationalist commander fired no warning shot, but merely flashed his searchlight across our bow and signalled: "We are watching you."

The captain added: "The day before we left for Tsingtau three Nationalist warships entered the Yangtse, and I saw one ship, heavily loaded with mines. We did not wait long enough for the ships to come out again, but I have absolutely no doubt that the main channel to Shanghai is mined effectively."

Unloading delay
When the ship arrived in Tsingtau on December 27, the Communists caused a 36-hour delay in unloading cargo because they refused to accept the cargo manifests, which were written in both English and Chinese.

BRITISH GRANTS TO ASIA REVEALED BY BEVIN

Colombo, January 16.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said here today that Britain has contributed £750,000,000 in grants, aid and releases from sterling balances to South and South East Asia since the war.

Mr. Bevin, who was speaking at a press conference, said that this represented half the total post-war contribution of £1,500,000,000 by Britain to other countries in similar grants. He described the Colombo Conference as "very important" but warned correspondents that under the new conditions of Commonwealth consultation they were unlikely ever to get drastic headlines from conferences of this kind.

Under the old Dominions system, foreign policy was largely left to Britain, but with the expansion of the Commonwealth to India, Pakistan and Ceylon, a "pretty regular form of consultation" had become imperative.

Looking more rested than at any time since the start of the Conference, Mr. Bevin said the problems confronting the Commonwealth were so inter-related to world problems and so complex that apart from the Ministerial policy of reaching a consensus of Commonwealth opinion on the broad lines of policy, it was also necessary to maintain simultaneous contact between officials who were working out these problems.

The Commonwealth Finance Ministers, he recalled, met in London to face the dollar sterling crisis. Mr. Bevin said that the Commonwealth has not got to grips yet as it must do with the whole economic problem, he added.

Mr. Bevin said that a new approach was taking shape. Britain no longer filled her old role as the finance centre of the world. It was less but the total load to be carried had become bigger.

The United States, which had become the greatest creditor country would, he predicted, play a leading role in Asia. Mr. Bevin said that New Zealand was taking a great part, this time on the economic plane which was the essential support of foreign policy.

Upsurge in Asia
In Asia a new upsurge of nationalism has resulted in new liberties, but liberty without proper economic conditions could lead to disappointment, Mr. Bevin said.

"So we must go on striving for sound economic conditions. The difficulty was that the task of raising standards was being conducted simultaneously over such a wide area of the world."

Both the demand and plans to meet the demand were on a huge scale, Mr. Bevin said. The problem of how to meet the demands — not only inside the Commonwealth, but in Asian countries whose economy was inter-related with the Commonwealth's as was Western Europe's — was what the Colombo Conference had attempted to understand.

When better understanding was reached then a co-operated Commonwealth approach was worked out.

"It is a tremendous task, but I think we shall succeed with patience," he said. Mr. Bevin added: "We have lot of leeway to make up, and you will understand that if we have produced nothing to strike the imagination of you or your editors it is because of the nature of our work."

Answering questions Mr. Bevin said that he thought it was misleading to draw a close analogy between the Colombo Conference and Marshall Aid for Europe.

"You never do things twice in the same way, even though you may achieve the same results twice," he declared.

Mr. Bevin said he did not think conditions in South East Asia were propitious for a self-help organization on lines exactly parallel to the OEEC (Organisation for European Economic Co-operation).

Mr. Bevin said: "It would be wrong for me to suggest what the United States' attitude towards the Colombo plan is. I imagine they will regard it as helpful to the general aim of restoring prosperity and co-operate in some way."

"We will have to explain the background of our approach and they will have to study it."

Mr. Bevin said that the Commonwealth Consultative Committee in Canberra would be on the ministerial level, but "with a pretty strong working party of experts under the Ministers."

He hoped the Committee would in a general way be complementary to the United Nations Economic Commission for the Far East. The Committee, he thought, might help to speed up work in the United Nations and turn it into more concrete channels.

One of the greatest needs of world recovery, Mr. Bevin declared, was technical experts of the right type. This applied to the Middle East as well as South and South East Asia.

Mr. Bevin refused to prophesy on Burma's future when he was asked whether he thought the Burma would return to the Commonwealth.

Asked whether he would recognize the Hsu Dui regime (in Indo-China), Mr. Bevin said that he must report on the subject to the British Cabinet.

Mr. Bevin also made three points.

Japanese Peace Treaty. The Colombo Conference had looked at our proposals worked out in 1947 in Canberra and brought them up-to-date. He added: "But we have not got the United States' proposals and they are the biggest factor so we could only try to co-ordinate our views."

"Hong Kong's ultimate destiny"

Colombo, January 16.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, when asked here today by a press conference whether Britain, while safeguarding Hong Kong against aggression, would "bear in mind Hong Kong's ultimate destiny," replied: "Our minds are open to everything, but this is hardly the time to discuss this question."—Reuter.

Salvaging of Truculent

Sheerness, January 16.
A senior official of the Admiralty's Salvage Department left here today to take charge of the salvaging of the submarine Truculent, sunk in the Thames Estuary on Thursday night with the loss of 64 lives.

"It will be a tide lift, using the tides and power vessels to raise the submarine from the bottom," he told reporters. "We shall then bring her in by stages to shallower water until she breaks surface. We may be able to patch the damage done in the collision and the Truculent will be brought into the Dockyard."

The inquest on the nine bodies so far recovered was being opened at Chatham today. It was expected that after formal evidence of identification the inquest will be adjourned until the result of the Admiralty's Board of Inquiry is known.—Reuter.

JAP SHIP SINKS

Tokyo, January 16.
The Japanese ship Kisei Maru, a 30-ton vessel, sank off the coast of Hokkaido today and 18 persons are missing and feared drowned.—Associated Press.

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

January 10, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

Renewal of Arms Licences for 1950.

1. Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that they should renew their licences before the 31st January 1950, after which date failure to comply with this order may result in prosecution and confiscation of the arms.

2. Details of renewal procedure were published in press notices on the 12th/14th December 1949.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong Jan. 15, 1950.

CEREMONIAL OPENING OF ASSIZES

As previously announced, the Assizes commencing on Wednesday, January 18, 1950, being the first Assize of the present year, will be opened ceremonially.

There will be a special Service at St. John's Cathedral at 9.15 a.m. which will be attended by His Honour the Chief Justice, the Judges, the Law Officers and members of both legal professions.

After the Church Service at about 10 a.m. His Honour and the Judges will proceed to the Supreme Court and before the pleas are taken, His Honour will address the Court on matters touching the administration of justice in this Colony.

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Police Constable alleged to have demanded bribe

An allegation that Police Constable No. 2613, Shao King-shan, wanted to a hot on the roof of 10 Gough Street and there at the point of this gun demanded \$400 from five Chinese men was made by Mak Pan before Mak Aa De Scholze at Central yesterday.

The five defendants, Tsang Siu-hee, aged 22, Mak Pan, aged 36, Wong Kwan, aged 18, Ho Kam, aged 22, and Lai Kai, aged 37, were charged with assaulting Police Constable 2613. They were all represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart and pleaded not guilty while the case for the prosecution was conducted by Inspector H. B. Dewar.

The case for the prosecution was that on January 1 at 8.45 p.m. Police Constable 2613 was on duty in Queen's Road Central.

The constable, the prosecution alleged, acting on information received, sent to the roof of 10 Gough Street. On the roof was a wooden hut out of which 10 men emerged. The constable arrested one of them.

There were opium lamps in the hut. While the constable was collecting the lamps, the prosecution said, the five defendants grabbed hold of the constable and refused to let him go.

A party of police later went to the hut and there found the five defendants and the constable. The party was taken to the police station where the five defendants were charged with assaulting the police constable.

Mak Pan, second defendant, said that on January 1 at 8.45 a.m. he went to the roof of 10 Gough Street together with four other defendants. At that time the constable was there.

Later Police Constable 2613 arrived and pointing his gun at the defendants said "Don't move." The constable then accused the defendants of running an opium den.

New church auditorium to be built here

Construction will begin in three weeks on a new Seventh Day Adventist auditorium on Boundary Street, the Reverend Pastor G. J. Appel, Field Secretary of the Seventh Day Adventist mission in Hong Kong, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

The building will stand on a large tract of land, and will accommodate several church and educational undertakings in addition to the lecture hall.

In the hall itself, between 400 and 500 people will be accommodated in the main auditorium, while an auxiliary division will seat 250 people. Giving details of the project, Pastor Appel said the Urban Council has given permission for the construction, and all plans have been drawn up and now await signature.

The cost of the auditorium will be about \$300,000. Land and equipment will be in addition to this. The project is being financed by the Mission Board of the General Congregation of the Seventh Day Adventist, which has contributed half of the cost, and by the denomination's China Division. Donations from friends in the Hong Kong area make up the remainder.

Ready in July. Pastor Appel said he hopes the building will be ready in July. When the Seventh Day Adventist Hall will move from its present site on Chatham Road and Mody Road, which has been requisitioned by the military authorities.

From the artist's conception of the new auditorium, Pastor Appel said he believes it will emerge as the Colony's most modern, constructed religious establishment. English, Cantonese and Mandarin congregations will all meet at the new auditorium.

Seventh Day Adventist undertakings in Hong Kong are controlled by the South China Inland Union, located in Ventnor, South Wales. The mission's former headquarters in Shanghai has been moved to Hong Kong temporarily. This organization is maintaining the China Training Institute at Clear Water Bay where a large number of students are receiving advanced training in Christian work. They come from all parts of China.

A special feature of Seventh Day Adventist activity in Hong Kong are the Bible lectures conducted every Sunday night at the Bible Auditorium by Pastor D. C. Lamb, and by Misses, who recently arrived in the Colony from Shanghai.

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THE BRITISH COUNCIL. Static Square, Hong Kong, January 17, 1950.

Court Brevities

A police constable was committed to court by Mr. F. X. D'Amanda yesterday for refusing a \$3 bribe offered him.

Li Ping Chuen, however, received a fine of \$100 or two months for his part in the case. Li was charged with offering the bribe. The prosecution said the defendant was observed to be squatting in a suspicious manner. When approached by the constable, Li offered \$3 so as not to be arrested.

Mr. James Wicks criticized the drafting out of the charge sheet in court when a man was brought in on a charge of common assault. The defendant, was fined \$23 and made to pay \$100 in compensation, in addition to which he was also bound over in the sum of \$100 for good behaviour for a further year.

"If you (defendant) applied a little more strength with that axe, you would be standing here now charged with murder," the magistrate said, addressing Tso. Mr. Wicks told the court the defendant that the charge in this case should have been "attempted murder" or "attempted manslaughter." He also ordered that in future charge sheets were to be made out in true explanation of the offence.

Joseph Chan, Singapore-born Chinese of no fixed abode in Hong Kong, pleaded guilty to five charges of obtaining money under false pretences.

Chan was stated to have approached a Catholic priest in Kowloon from whom he received charity. Defendant later appeared and claimed that he had obtained a good job at the Tai Koo Dock. He met several persons and promised to employ them as coolies, telling them that he had authority on behalf of the Tai Koo Dock. Defendant charged key money and absconded when the day arrived for him to meet the coolies and take them to Tai Koo. He was later arrested. Chan was recommended for three days pending sentence.

A former police constable was fined \$500 or two months for impersonating a police officer. It was stated that Li Po Kuen used his police discharge papers to claim a debt on behalf of another by whom defendant was alleged to have been hired. Li denied the charge, saying that he had told complainant that he was merely a former police officer. On evidence led by the prosecution, Mr. Wicks convicted Li.

Fifteen months' hard labour was imposed on Cha Hui-moo for a pick-pocket offence. The prosecution stated that Cha committed the offence immediately upon his arrival from Canton. He had been in the Colony for hardly a day when he was arrested. After serving his term, Cha will be banished.

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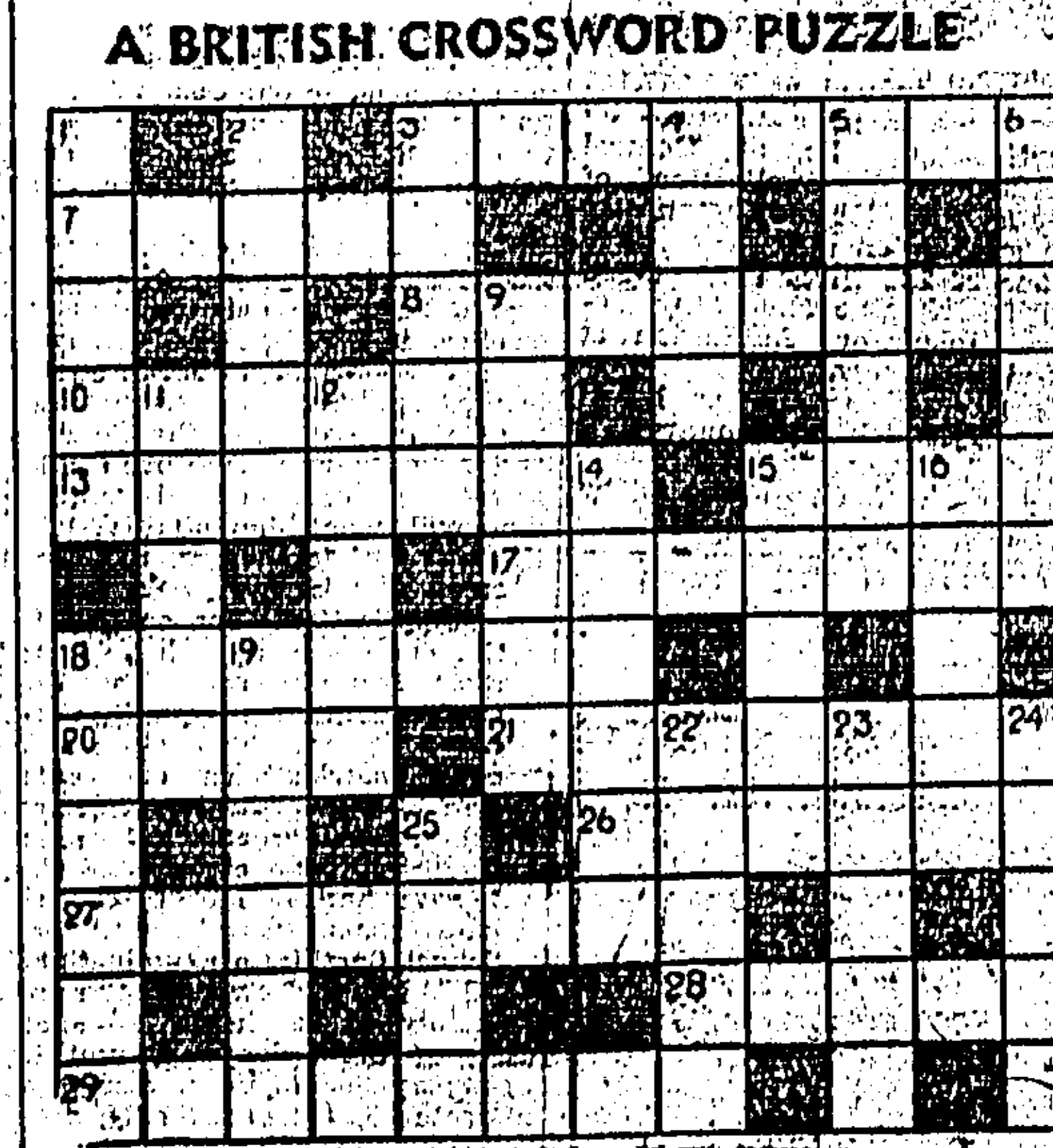
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8 Repeated.
10 Fasten.
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17 Instant.

14 Puzzler.
20 Whirlpool.
21 Wise.
26 Proclaim.
27 Vicious.
28 Understood.
29 Cowards.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1. Added, 2. Heavy, 3. Vexed, 4. Hopes, 5. 10 Rings, 6. Rigid, 7. Edam, 8. Cedar, 9. D. Dora, 10. Camp, 11. Scare, 12. Tale, 13. Sapid, 14. Crowd, 15. Temple, 16. Fable, 17. Beard, 18. Credit, 19. Ashes, 20. Dismiss, 21. Eyre, 22. Deliver, 23. Half.

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DEATH

BARCLAY, died suddenly at 16 Stanley Terrace on 15th January. Thomas Charles, beloved husband of Esther McLauchlan, Funeral Service at Colonial Cemetery (Chapel) at 4.30 p.m. today, Tuesday, 17th January. Cremation to follow. No flowers by request.

THE SQUATTER SCANDAL

The local authorities, during the week-end, authorised the clearing of the squatter camp, in the Kowloon City area, involved in the recent big fire. Meanwhile, the homeless are being cared for in churches, schools, and other premises. More than 15,000 homeless persons have already registered, and the official in immediate charge of relief said he expects the number to reach 20,000. In spite of the fury of the fire, there were no casualties. This was the second fire of the same kind within five weeks. Had they occurred in the dead of night instead of in broad daylight that part of the story would have been tragically different.

These happenings ought to provoke some furious thinking. They are a renewed warning to the petty Chauvinists who in the past have played irresponsible politics with such problems. They justify the efforts of the Government to do away with these scandalous and perilous squatter camps. Above all, they invite us to consider whether much more ought not to be done to deal with this problem in a civilised and sensible manner. It was never a problem of sovereignty, whatever the site, and to raise an uproar on the basis of human rights is to turn the nature of the problem upside down. If human rights are involved, as they are, the point is that people should never have to live in such circumstances, especially when so many are employed in important Chinese Government and Hong Kong industrial and other enterprises.

The considerations involve the most elementary issues of sanitation, safety, sanity and resettlement. The squatter camps were a scandal and a disgrace. They implied the acceptance of standards lower than the social ideas of the Middle Ages.

Quite frankly, we don't know how to take the diffidence of the Colonial Office official who seemed so uncertain whether it would or would not be appropriate to convey an expression of concern and sympathy to the victims of the fire. But no Government or public opinion—however jaundiced some sections of that opinion may be—can afford to tolerate such shocking conditions.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies gave their people a New Year slogan: "Fight for the future." He urged them to co-operate with Britain in promoting their steady advance to better living and greater responsibility. These two things are at the root of policy nowadays and are the text of repeated declarations. Hong Kong cannot be excluded from them, whatever political uncertainty may exist. And yet there is neither provision nor appropriate machinery, for Whitehall still maintains silence on the Constitutional reform projects.

The Municipal Improvement

FOOD HUMBUG EXPOSED

By Dr. Franklin Bicknell

"Britons should have sung carols in thanks for calories as they have no reason to be thankful for food."

That appears to be the message of the White Paper published last month by the Ministry of Food. It tells Britons what they have been eating last year.

It is a profoundly worrying paper. The onerous task of understanding it is to consider each of the important foods in turn.

Less meat than ever before is being eaten. For instance, in the fifth year of the war Britons still had one-third more than today.

Really they had even more than this, because today much of the meat is so tough, so old, and of such poor quality that no amount of cooking nor the strongest set of NHS teeth can make it

all edible. But meat is meat in a White Paper, and whether or not you eat it, that's your affair.

Utterly wrong

Fats are stated in the introduction to this White Paper to be nearly 20 per cent. above those of 1946. This statement is utterly wrong.

One takes the trouble to read a little further and look at the figures of what Britons have been eating one sees that far from fats being 20 per cent. up they are 2 per cent. down. Indeed, they are lower than they ever were at any stage during the war, and of course, far lower than before the war.

What the preface meant to say was that margarine, "compound cooking fats," etc., were in-

creased recently by 20 per cent. But this increase is not as great as the loss of fat from having less meat and bacon.

It is poor comfort to the British housewife to have more "compound cooking fat" and margarine with which she cannot fry, in place of the meat dripping and bacon fat with both of which she can fry.

Nor, indeed, are these odd fats as valuable for bodies as genuine animal fats. And no Britons will be very cheered to see Britons are still only getting half their pre-war butter.

Small eggs

Eggs begin as a sorry story. Britain appears to be the only country in the world that cannot produce her own. But eggs are a

most valuable form of nourishment. That is obvious when one remembers that the egg contains everything necessary to build the healthy body of the chick, and so to build out own too.

Yet this year Britons have had 17 per cent. fewer eggs and dried eggs than they had in the last year of the war. This is largely because so few dried eggs have been imported, and the increase in shell eggs has not made up for this.

And even the extra shell eggs they do get never appear to be either fresh or English. They also always appear to be very small—pullets in fact. It cannot really be true that all the countries which send eggs keep only pullets and never fowls. But it is very odd.

Sugar puzzle

Many more mysteries are buried in the White Paper. Perhaps it is morbid to dig them up. But it would be interesting to know why Britons are eating 17 per cent. less sugar than before the war, though the peoples of our own Empire, for instance in the Bahamas, want us to import more.

And why is Britain importing 26 times as much jam and marmalade as she did pre-war, though English fruit this summer roared in the fields?

Or again, why are Britons eating so few dried peas and beans—which are truly valuable foods—or why have Britons so little dried fruit, far less than at any time since 1943? If dollars, are the reason, could not Spain have replaced California?

There is a bright side, however. This year each Briton has had one-third of a pint more fresh milk a week than he had the last year of the war; rabbits have gone up by nearly half an ounce a week; oranges and lemons by 1½ ounces a week; and potatoes by 2 ounces.

Rejoice! The best has been kept to the end. All in all Britons have been getting 3 per cent. more calories this year than last and 1 per cent. more than in the last year of the war.

Health worse

The results on the diet we can see in health. With the increasing use of new drugs like penicillin it should be much better.

But the last Ministry of Health monthly bulletin states: "It can be concluded that the health of men and women of working age during the first three months of 1949 was poorer than a year previously; and that during February and March 1949 it was poorer than during these same months in the harsh winter of 1947."

The health of older men and women was also worse than in the March quarters of 1947 and 1948.

The average weight of children, bolstered up by school meals and school milk, should be as good as, or better than, it was in the last year of the war. But it was definitely lower in 1947, and the scanty figures as yet available suggest it was worse again in 1948.

An increase in tuberculosis of the lungs has always been thought to be one of the truest indications that a nation was being improperly nourished. Today, thanks to new drugs and new treatments, and also because before the war tuberculosis was declining, one would expect tuberculosis to be better than ever before. But it is not so. The last year of the war there were 42,100 new cases, and last year 43,900.

Britain's worse health, thinner children, rising tuberculosis can only be explained by her food. Indeed, knowing about health, one could have guessed what would be in the White Paper. Or, reading the White Paper, one could have forecast the country's sad state of health.



Good Morning!

Fast dye.
A local store is advertising for sale, "Linen shirts, colour attached style."

These backers who collected bets on a dead horse were lucky. I can't collect any on live ones.

"Egyptian women may defy harem traditions."
This, it would seem, constitutes a veiled threat.

It took only three minutes to conclude a duel between two French military students—and, of course, a couple of seconds.

Footing the bill.
"These shoes, with specially-made arches, were designed for your particular discomfort."

The somewhat overconfident beginner at golf stopped up to the tee and looked towards the hole some 250 yards away. Then he turned to the caddy and said, "One good drive, I think, and a putt."

He addressed the ball carefully, and with a vicious swing drove it about two feet away from the tee.

The caddy stepped up, handed him the putter and said, "Now for the putt."

"Applications are invited for live men to join sales staff." Apparently dead men sell no sales.

"Don't brides usually wear white as a symbol of happiness?"
"Yes. That's why the men wear black."

Myrtle's grandfather wonders why we have enough memory to recall the tiniest detail of what has happened to us, and not enough to remember how many times we have told it to the same person.

It is claimed that you can always tell the retired military man by the way he carries his rolled umbrellas into the air every few yards, you can even bet he is a retired drum major.

"He said that history showed Eleanor and the poet Tasso lived together from 1870 to 1753."

No passing infatuation, that.

I was wondering the other night why it is that whispering a story seems to add authenticity to it.



"I go to the pants, every year—give the children a treat, you know."

They're shaking off the shackles

By Alwyn Tebbitt

Women outnumber men in every civilised country of the world except India and Pakistan, but their scarcity value there is not considered enough to gain them favoured treatment. The Indian man strongly believes in the "Goods and Chattels" theory when it comes to his women.

Thousands of women were kidnapped during the riots of 1947 and forced to become the mistresses of their captors. So far, India has recovered 12,000 and Pakistan 10,000 but it is not known how many there are hidden away in various parts of the sub-continent.

Love matches are extremely rare. Love, as understood in the West, is almost unknown, and the idea of holding up marriage till you find the right man or girl is considered crazy and does not cross the mind of the average Indian.

Husbands and wives are chosen by the parents and the "happy couple" rarely meet till the wedding ceremony.

The main cost of the marriage is borne by the parents of the girl, and among the middle class can cost anything from £750 to £5,000 or more. So to have more than one daughter in a family is a major tragedy. Because of their financial liability parents frequently neglect their baby girls, and as it is no loss if a daughter dies, millions never live to grow up.

Girls in India and Pakistan get none of the freedom that the British girl takes for granted. The purdah system in some form or another affects almost 90 per cent. of the 190,000,000 women in the country.

Indian middle-class girls never work in offices—all the work normally done by girls in Britain is done by men—and she can never go to a cinema unless she is taken by a male member of her family, her father, brother, or husband.

There are no such things as

ment Trust in Singapore has been doing great things in regard to housing for the workers, and there are bigger plans still on paper. The three projects in Malaya of the Colonial Development Corporation include an advance of £300,000 for a Malayan Building Society. When Lord Trefgarne stated recently that the housing situation in Singapore and elsewhere in Malaya must be "the most desperate in the world," he forgot Hong Kong, where it is undoubtedly far worse. No fewer than 51 Malayan housing projects have been submitted for consideration of the Corporation.

The two essential conditions laid down are that the projects should be for the economic benefit of the Colony concerned and be commercially sound. Moreover, the big squatter problem in Malaya is now being tackled on a large scale and on humane principles which provide for the squatters themselves a far better living and greater security than they ever had before.

Hong Kong may have modest views about its role as a show-window for the British way of life, but it simply cannot go on ignoring the problem of adequate, modern and reasonable housing for the working classes, without making a mockery of all the high-level declarations about raising the standards of living in the Far East. Many institutions do provide accommodation. The example is a good one, but the problem needs to be tackled on a broader basis through Municipal or other official bodies.

The Municipal Improvement

life have had to fight their way upwards through a forest of prejudice. The best-known of all the sub-continent's women is Pandita Nehru's widowed sister, 49-year-old Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, who is now India's Ambassador in Washington, and who was previously in Moscow.

Like her brother, Vijaya Lakshmi has spent a long time in prison for her fight against the British. She did three long jail terms, amounting to two years and eight months.

The next best known is Rajkumari (literally Miss Raja Amrit Kaur), India's 62-year-old, British educated, ex-tennis star, Minister of Health. The daughter of a former ruler of Kapurthala State who lost his throne because he became a Christian, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur is one of the few unmarried Indian women in public life. She had been interested in nursing and welfare work for many years and was Gandhi's secretary from 1935 until his death.

Pakistani women have an even more difficult time than their Indian sisters because although the Islamic religion (Pakistan is a Moslem state) theoretically gives women complete equality with men, custom, which is stronger than any law, relegates all women to the background and segregates them in a very strict purdah system.

But again, in the Upper class, where religious observance is much less rigid, Pakistani women have come into their own. Miss Fatima Jinnah, the 54-year-old sister of the founder of Pakistan, is a well-known figure in public affairs, and Mrs. Razia Ghulam Ali is the sub-continent's first woman industrialist.

There are now signs that the women of the great custom-ridden Middle Class, who make up the bulk of both India and Pakistan, are revolting against their invisible shackles, and although it will take a long time and they will have a hard fight, they will eventually break loose.

Most of the women in public

To drudgery

A wife who does not promptly present her husband with a child is liable to find herself relegated to household drudgery while a more prolific girl takes her place as wife.

But, despite these barriers, the women of India and Pakistan are of the race and, given the opportunity, would quickly outstrip the men at everything they turned their hands to—which is one of the reasons why the men are trying their hardest to nip in the bud any signs of independence on the part of their women.

Because this there is a social revolution going on in India and Pakistan, but only the very wide awake are aware of it. It is partly the result of the 1947 riots which left thousands of women homeless and without anyone to support them. And because custom makes it almost impossible for them to find husbands, the Government of India has opened training centres for them to become nurses, teachers, police-women, and do secretarial jobs in Government offices, where prejudice can be overruled from above.

Most of the women in public

Zoo has a sick parade

By Rhona Churchill

The London Zoo's only giant panda lay clutching her tummy rocking her head and rubbing her sore eyes just as though she were a human suffering from too much turkey, only with her it was too little bamboo.

The Zoo doctor petted and patted her, then pulled out an ordinary hospital-type hypodermic needle and gave her a double dose of that same Vitamin B complex they give to adults suffering from malnutrition. He pumped it into her shoulder muscle.

Lien Ho, the popular giant panda, was at the top of the Zoo's daily sick list. Each morning the keepers took the animal, fish, and reptile houses, inspecting their charges and noting any cases of sickness or injury.

What a list

It may be a giraffe with a boil on its chin, an elephant with a touch of rheumatism, a lion with an ingrowing toenail, a cheetah with distemper, or a camel with a swollen neck. All go down on the sick list presented with the day's report to Mr. George Cansdale, the Zoo's superintendent.

And they all have to be treated. Face a giraffe with an angry-looking boil on its chin and you are facing quite a problem. It happened recently at Regent's Park. The pathologist made a special, giraffe-sized lance, but the animal would have none of it. The bull grew bigger and bigger, had to be burst, but how?

It was a keeper who solved that problem. "Why not shoot it with a pellet from an airgun?" he suggested. They did. The bull burst, and the giraffe smiled again.

The Zoo's only male elephant, Rajah, "got the rheumatics something terrible" at times. Now you can't give an elephant a mus-

tard plaster or a massage. What do they do? Why, they give the poor old man a handful of aspirin—yes, the same kind you take for the same ailment—only his dose would probably kill you.

Have you ever wondered why there is glass between you and the monkeys in the monkey house? It is not to protect you, but to protect them from catching your very unpleasant common colds. Monkeys are terrors for nose colds.

Toeing the line

How would you like to treat a full-grown lion for ingrowing toenails? That's a routine job now in the lion house. They do not get them from walking too much in tight shoes, but from not walking enough in bare feet. Treatment is the same. Give him a pedicure. But how?

They have a special box with a false bottom. It might be a circus prop. The lion is encouraged to enter it, the door is shut, the false floor removed, and the lion finds himself standing on bars. The foot with the offending paw can then be eased through and the ingrowing nail trimmed in two minutes.

Animals need occupational therapy, just like humans. Take the baby tiger, Baccha, brought recently from Baroda. He arrived with tummy trouble and was confined to the sanatorium. He was treated with the usual tummy powders, and should have recovered quickly, but he didn't.

Then a keeper said: "I think he's bored and lonely. Let's fix him up with a long lead and let him wander round the sanatorium. Then we can all stop to pet and comfort him when he wanders our way."

Two days of that treatment did more good than all the stomach powders, and that tiger is now the healthiest youngster in the Zoo.

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PEKING SEIZURE WAS RETALIATORY ACTION

Non-recognition by U.S. cause of move LONDON INTERPRETATION

London, January 15.

News of the seizure of American, French and Dutch property in Peking has created an impression in London diplomatic quarters that the Chinese Government is not prepared to remain neutral towards countries which have so far not decided to recognise it.

These gestures are interpreted here as a direct and vigorous reprisal for failure to recognise the Chinese Government on the part of three countries substantially interested in the Far East — through American Republican support for Taiwan (Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's remaining stronghold), French interest in Indo-China and Dutch interest in Indonesia.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office said tonight that so far no replies have been received from the French or Dutch Governments to Britain's offer to act on their behalf in Peking in view of the reported seizure of property belonging to them there.

CONCERN ON PEKING INCIDENT

London, January 15.

Communist seizure of American property in Peking has caused serious concern among British officials, reliable sources said tonight.

Meanwhile considerable haze surrounded the recent British offer extending recognition to the Chinese Communists.

British officials were already paying considerable attention to criticism from other members of the Commonwealth on British recognition of Communist China, the informants said, and the new action directed at the Americans gave them additional cause for worry.

Foreign Office sources said the British Consul-General in Peking has been instructed to ask the Communist Foreign Office there for a further explanation of its reply to the British offer of recognition.

This explanation, sources said, involves clarification of the Communist invitation for a British representative to come to Peking to "negotiate" recognition. Spokesmen at the Foreign Office declined comment in reports that the United States had asked Britain to join in a protest to the Communists over seizure of American property in Peking.

The Foreign Office has forwarded to Peking an American protest over threatened seizure of U.S. property. This was based on earlier threats by the Communists to expel American officials and not on the actual occupation of the American Consulate-General.

Associated Press

Pakistan's decision on rupee

Colombo, January 15.

The Pakistani Finance Minister, Gulam Mohammed, said today that the decision not to devalue the rupee was made because his country was not willing to accept dictation nor be camp followers. Mr. Gulam, at a reception given for him by Moslems and Pakistanis living here, said Pakistan had felt that economic freedom might be even more important than political freedom. He added that he was becoming more convinced, as time went on, that the decision not to devalue together with Britain and other Commonwealth countries had been a wise one.

Referring to a statement reported to have been made by the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, that Pakistan was apprehensive, Mr. Gulam admitted that it was probably true and added: "Apprehension may be the price of freedom."

Pakistan had enjoyed two years of freedom and that should have brought better understanding and atmosphere, he said.—United Press.

TRAIN DERAILED

Calcutta, January 15.

Six were killed and two others seriously injured in a goods train derailment 50 miles South-East of Lucknow. The derailment occurred this morning.—Reuter.

Hutchison not going to Peking

London, January 15.

The Foreign Office said today that the Chinese Communist Premier, Chou En-lai's, reply to Britain's offer of recognition referred to Mr. J. C. Hutchison, British diplomat nominated for the post of Charge d'Affaires in Peking, as "the British representative to Peking for the purpose of carrying on negotiations on the question of establishing diplomatic relations."

Diplomatic quarters said the Foreign Office rejects the idea that it was sending Mr. Hutchison to "negotiate" on the establishment of relations. It was sending him to represent Britain in the capital of Communist China after relations have started. Until the issue is clarified, these quarters said, Mr. Hutchison will remain in Nanking.—United Press.

Major blow to Western unity seen

Tokyo, January 15.

Communist China's latest scrap with the United States will result in the shelving of plans for an early Japanese peace conference and probably will indefinitely postpone the reopening of Japan's vital trade with China, well-informed sources said here today.

Neither American nor Japanese officials would comment for publication on the ordered American diplomatic withdrawal from China, but in private reaction they and unofficial observers here saw the Communist action as a major blow to the Western unity in Far Eastern affairs and to Japan's hopes for economic recovery and independence.

It was pointed out that by blocking all chances of early American recognition the Peking Government has driven a wedge between the United States and Britain over the containment of Communism in the Far East and over the questions of Chinese representation in the United Nations Far Eastern Commission, Allied Council for Japan and other international bodies.

2. Made the calling of an all Allied Council for Japan conference impossible as long as ruptured Sino-American relations continue.

3. Destroyed the hope of early economic recovery through the stimulus of revived trade with China, thereby postponing the day when the United States can be freed from the burden of supporting Japan.

4. Increased Japan's importance as America's Far East outpost.—United Press.

Surprise move by Gasperi

Rome, January 15.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi, in an unexpected move, today resumed consultations with the Liberal, Republican and Right Wing Socialist Party leaders. Signor de Gasperi cut short his outing in Albano, 15 miles South of Rome, to speed up work for the formation of his sixth Cabinet, entrusted to him yesterday by President Luigi Einaudi.

The Premier first received Liberal leaders, discussing the Liberal point of view on agrarian reform, administrative and electoral laws and enactment of a popular referendum.

After the conference, the Liberal spokesmen said they had not "encountered any insurmountable difficulties."

The announcement aroused speculation that the Liberals would be called to share in a coalition Government.

Signor de Gasperi later received Republican leaders, who told the Press at the end of the conference that they had expressed to the Premier their desire for a "truly efficient coalition Government" which should last two years.

After the Republicans, Signor de Gasperi received the Right Wing Socialist delegation. Meanwhile, the Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, abandoned his speech at Milan. The Communist Party announced that "owing to political circumstances," Signor Togliatti could not appear.

The Party two days ago announced its demands "for radical changes in internal and foreign policy" by the Government as the only conditions for maintaining peace in the present "grave national condition."—United Press.

PEKING RADIO MAKES ATTACK ON TRUMAN

San Francisco, January 15.

The Chinese Communist radio said today that President Truman "lied" when he said the United States would pursue a hands-off policy in Taiwan.

The radio said the Peking press headlined the story, "Truman makes a statement of lies to cover up United States aggression on Taiwan."

The Communist broadcast continued that President Truman's statement was "extremely hypocritical in statement justifying American actions in Taiwan."

It added that the world is well aware of the United States "aggressive activities on Taiwan especially the recent large shipments of arms" to the Nationalist regime.

The radio said that on the same day that President Truman pronounced that the United States would not provide military aid to Taiwan, the US Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told the Press that the Nationalists could still purchase arms in the United States.

It said that five days later the United Press reported that a Turkish freighter was loading tanks and armoured cars for Taiwan at Philadelphia.

It said that the tanks, which cost \$35,000 each, were sold to the Nationalists at \$1,000.

Acheson attacked

The radio also attacked Mr. Acheson, who allegedly said the United States does not intend to establish bases in Taiwan for the time being.

It also quoted Mr. Acheson as saying that in case of any armed attack against American forces in the Far East "the United States forces would have to be free to take all measures they may see fit."

The Communist broadcast said that Peking circles interpreted this statement as revealing that the American imperialists "have not entirely given up their scheme to invade Taiwan."—United Press.

Fight over custody of child

San Francisco, January 15.

Police drew a blank today in efforts to catch up with Mrs. Yolanda Lopez Puckett, daughter of the Vice-President of the Philippines and principal in a child custody fight.

The 28-year-old Filipina beauty and Ted Lewin, Manila sports promoter and casino operator, are wanted in Roswell. The warrant charges that they kidnapped Robert Puckett aged two, son of Mrs. Puckett by her former husband, James R. Puckett, aged 34, of Roswell.

Police detectives found only slim leads to the couple's whereabouts. Mr. Puckett, who flew here in pursuit, spotted Mrs. Puckett and Mr. Lewin at the international airport on Saturday. They sped away in a Philippine Consulate car.

Mr. Puckett claimed custody of the child, but Mrs. Puckett's Reno, Nevada, attorney Melvin Jepson, declared that the divorce decree she obtained there last month did not specify which parent was to have custody. The boy was taken from the Roswell home of his grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Puckett.—Associated Press.

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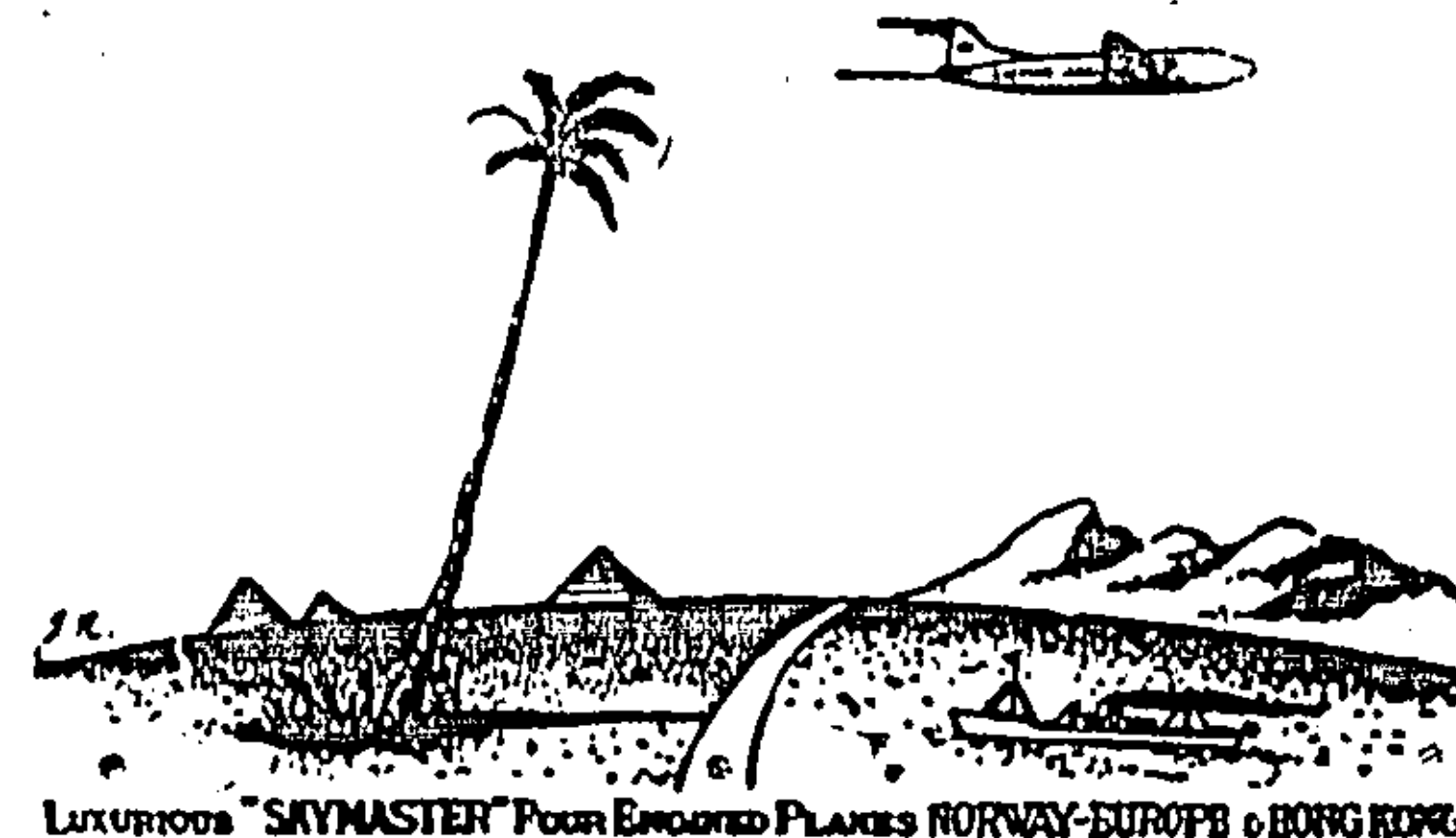
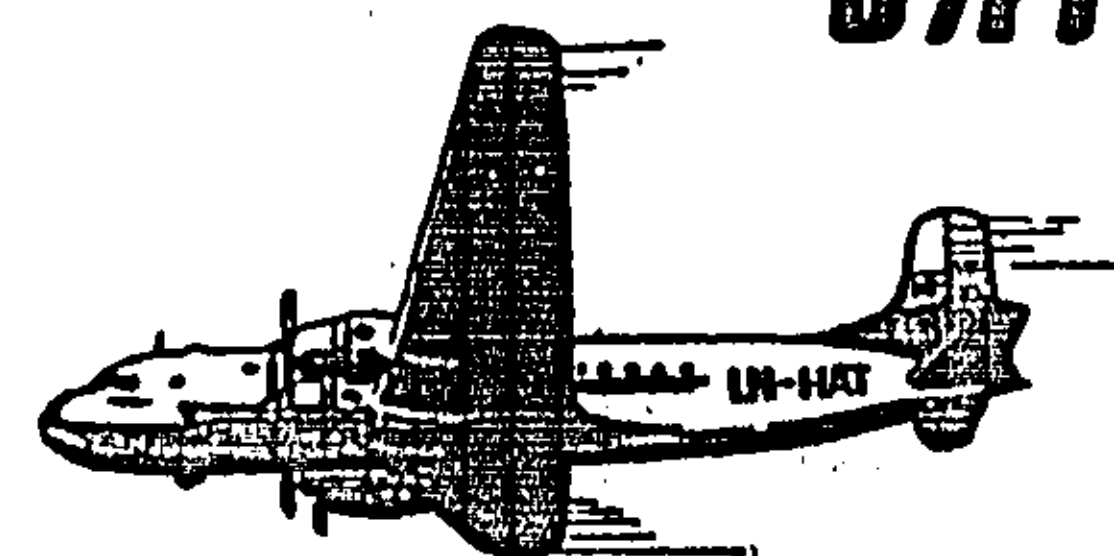
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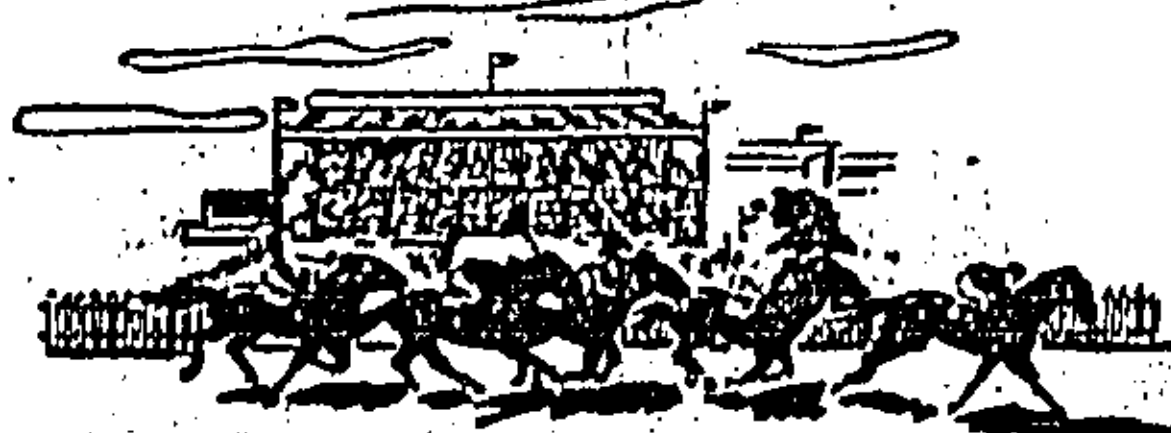
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The Prince and Princess Ali Khan are seen in the clinic at Lausanne, Switzerland, with their infant daughter Yasmin, born on December 28. This is one of the first pictures the Princess (formerly the screen actress Rita Hayworth) has permitted to be made of the baby.—AP Photo.

NATIONALISTS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS IN UN

Lake Success, January 15.

Nationalist Chinese sources said today that their delegation can fight off any attempt by Chinese Communist sympathizers to expel them from the United Nations Little Assembly which meets on Monday.

The Nationalists remain in the UN Security Council on a three to six vote, including their own.

It appears they will be able to keep their council seat for an indefinite time.

"If the Security Council five of whose 11 members have recognized the Chinese Communists did not unsent us, then the Little Assembly is unlikely to," said a Nationalist spokesman.

"Most of the members of the UN have not recognized the Communists."

The Little Assembly will take up the Nationalist delegate, Dr. T. F. Tsiang's, charges that Soviet Russia violated old treaties with the Nationalists and gave military and other aid to the Chinese Communists.

That, says Dr. Tsiang, endangers the peace of the Far East.

The UN General Assembly in its last session voted a hands off policy on China but said that the Little Assembly could study any further charges, even to the point of having the Secretary-General report the case to the Security Council.

Dr. Tsiang has not made known whether he will repeat his demands that UN members withhold all aid from the Chinese Communists and refuse them diplomatic recognition.

Dr. Tsiang withdrew his demands in the General Assembly, and a dozen nations, including Britain, have since recognized the Communist regime. — Associated Press.

GERMAN PRINCE AS FARMER

Johannesburg, January 15.

Prince Hubertus of Prussia, grandson of the late Kaiser, has arrived here on his way to South West Africa to begin sheep farming.

His brother, Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, was with Prince Hubertus but is returning to Europe after a month's stay here. Prince Hubertus' wife, Magdalene, and their two daughters, intend to join him in the summer. — Reuters.

GENERAL ARNOLD DEAD

Palo Alto, California,

January 15.

General Henry H. Arnold, wartime Commander of the United States Army Air Force, died at his home here today, aged 63.

General Arnold suffered a severe heart attack last July. He went on retirement from the Air Force list early in 1949. He directed the operations of United States aircraft against the enemy in the European and Pacific theatres during the last war. — Reuters.

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Canton train service with Shanghai

San Francisco, January 15.

The Chinese Communist radio today announced the opening of the through Shanghai-Canton train service, two trains weekly in each direction over a distance of more than 1,100 miles. The journey takes about 70 hours. By changing trains in Canton, passengers and freight can proceed further to Hong Kong.

The railway is expected to carry Northward a large amount of freight which has been unable to pierce the Nationalist sea blockade at Shanghai, returning with China produce and other raw materials.

The radio also announced the restoration of the Peking-Hankow and Hankow-Canton railways, forming the longest single rail-line in China linking North and South.—United Press.

TAIPEH BREAKS WITH SWEDEN

Taipei, January 15.

The Chinese Nationalist Foreign Office announced tonight severance relations with Sweden following that country's recognition of the Peking Communists. Associated Press.

SALVAGE WORK ON SUNKEN SUBMARINE

London, January 15.

Salvage work will begin tomorrow on the British submarine Truculent which sank in the Thames Estuary last Thursday with the loss of 64 lives after colliding with the Swedish motor tanker Divina.

The Royal Navy has finished its work of inspection.

Divers who went down to the sunken submarine found the engine room telegraph on the conning tower showing "Stop Engines". This would indicate that the submarine might have been trying to check her way after sighting the Divina and to avoid the collision.

The Divina, which was detained by the Admiralty last Friday, was released yesterday and sailed for Ipswich, on the East Coast, today.

A survivor from Truculent, Dennis Griffiths, today said, "The engines had stopped for about half a minute and then the skipper shouted 'hard astern' but we had no chance to go astern."

The bows went down and Truculent sank very smoothly, he said.

A buoy was released at 7.10 p.m. GMT then flooding arrangements were carried out.

"Very orderly"

"At the depth we were—about 45 feet, which we could read on the indicator—it would

take about three-quarters of an hour for us to flood the compartment."

"The escape hatch was made ready, the canvas chute lowered and the First Lieutenant, who had to open the hatch, was the first to leave. We left in a very orderly way. Although we had very little air, the boys were joking. One had just got his cigarettes and was offering them at three half-pence for 20, but there were no offers."

"It was about the 18th or 19th to leave and there were three or four left behind me. I got out without an escape apparatus."

When he reached the surface he saw hundreds of lights about. "The Divina seemed to be zig-zagging. We were all shouting. The Divina picked up 10 of us of whom five had no escape apparatus. When I came up the Divina was two or three miles from us," Griffiths said.

Meanwhile a midge submarine with tractor trends is being tested in Florida for its possibilities as a rescuer of trapped crews in sunken underwater craft.

The \$50,000 two-man submarine was built by the inventor Halley H. Hamlin of Cortland, New York.

Only 12 feet long, it can sink to the bottom, creep around on its tank-like tractor treads and remain submerged for 24 hours with one man or 32 hours with two men, it is claimed.

Mr. Hamlin said that his tiny craft could be re-designed to take the place of the diving bell as a means of escape.

He added, "When a salvage officer wants to know what is going on on the bottom he must look through the eyes of the diver who is punch-drunk from pressure."

"Our craft will do away with this second-hand information by allowing the officer in charge to go down and look over the situation." — Reuters.

JAPANESE BAN ON TRADE MARKS

Tokyo, January 16.

The Japanese Government will ban the trade marks of the now defunct giant cartels, such as Mitsui and Mitsubishi until 1953, according to the news agency Jiji.

The ban will apply to trade marks of all big Japanese concerns designated by General MacArthur's advisers to be broken up into smaller companies. — Reuters.

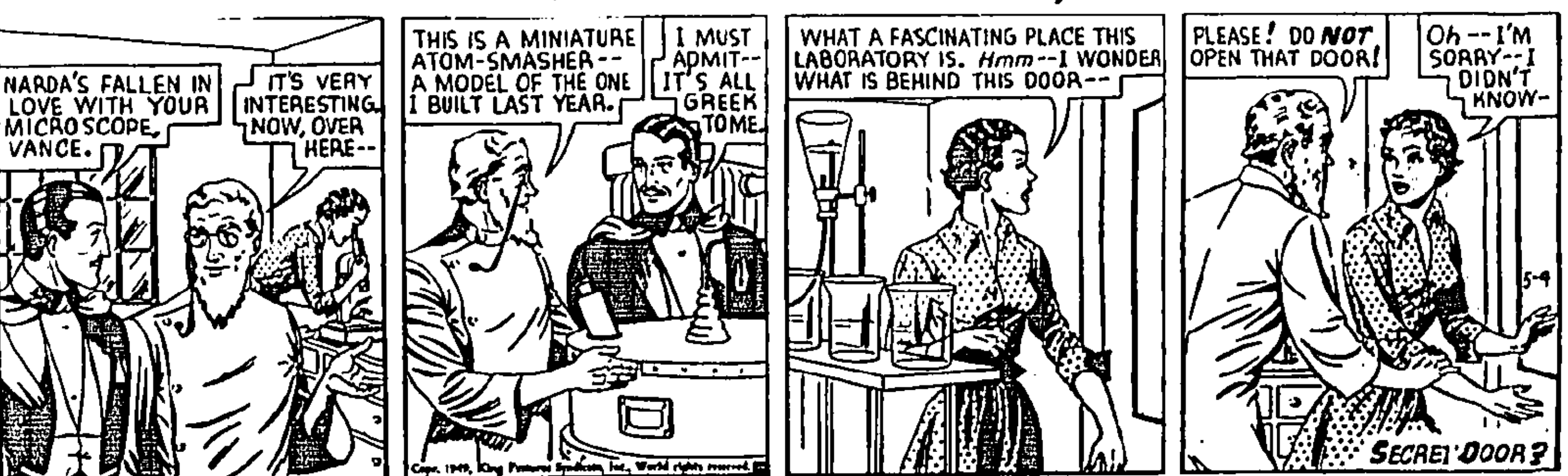
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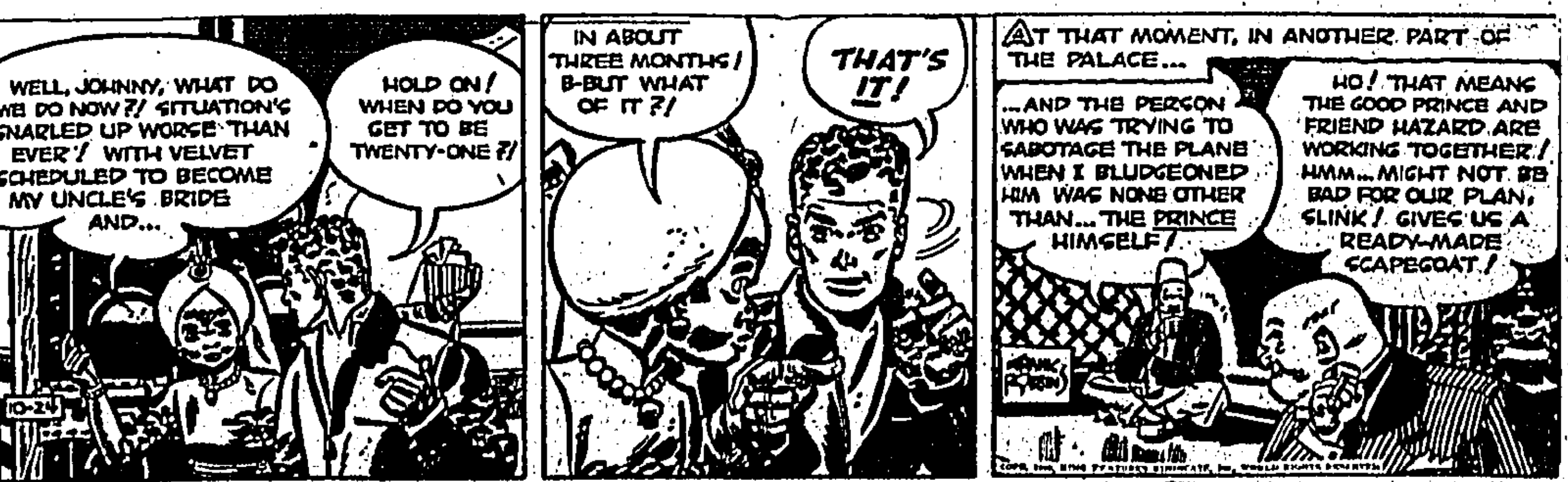
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ROUND THE STORES

A midget Ferris Wheel just like the one at the Luna Park can now be obtained at the National Toy Store on Nathan Road near Jordan Road.

One of the Colony's stronghold of toys, the National Toy Store has toys for children of all ages.

Engineer sets which enable children to build their own models have just arrived at the store from abroad.

One of the toys which have just been introduced from abroad is a model of the British Royal Air Force, which is operated by batteries and runs at the wish of the child who operates it.

Other toys among the large selection of the products from the world's best makers are doll sets, model houses, which open at one side and reveal their interior decorations, including miniature furniture, are at present on sale at the National Toy Store, 11, Salisbury Road, near Granville Road.

Also a warehouse of toys, the Sunny Company, sells all kinds of stationery, including greeting cards for all occasions.

Books, pen, ink, and stationery can be had at the Sunny Company.

Have you ever wondered which is the best place to eat on the mainland? In that case you must try the excellent dishes prepared by the Grand Hotel.

Also an excellent place for private parties, the dining hall of the Grand Hotel which is open to the public at all hours, not only serves European and Chinese dishes suited to your taste, but you have excellent service. Go there one of these days and you soon will find out for yourself that the Grand Hotel is one of Kowloon's best places to dine.

Home-cooked meals

Every housewife wants her family to enjoy good home-cooked meals. These depend not only on the method of cooking, also on the kind of food used for preparing a good meal.

Many people like to sit down to a table where real home cooking is served. Remember only best quality foods make best home meals.

The Dairy Farm located on Nathan Road near the Whitfield Barracks is the centre of fresh and best quality food.

Every day fresh green vegetables fill the store's spacious premises where many housewives gather daily to do their shopping for the table.

Mentioning the Dairy Farm Kowloon Branch provision department, you will of course remember the good cheese which you have recently tasted somewhere. It probably came from the Dairy Farm.

Aside from the cheeses, the Dairy Farm has always a large supply of meat, fish and fowl.

Inside the spacious refrigerator both uncooked and cooked meat is being displayed for your selection.

Across the street from the company that supplies you daily fresh milk is the Lane Crawford Kowloon Branch.

Cooked and uncooked meat is sold here, where large selections of tinned food are always being displayed for your selection.

Fresh fruits from almost all parts of the world are also available.

So when you are preparing to give your family a good home-cooked meal remember to purchase your food from the Lane Crawford Kowloon Stores, located on Nathan Road near Humphrey's Avenue and on Prince Edward Road near Fa Yuen Street.

Now that we are in the second half of the 20th Century, perhaps you would like to buy something which will give your house a new look.

Well, at the Carpet Industries situated on Austin Road near Temple Street, a new stock of Italian tapestries are arriving shortly from Italy.

Also sold at the well-known carpet dealers are upholsteries, rugs and other materials for interior decoration.

Place an order with the Carpet Industries. Only the best quality stocks are sold there.

For book-lovers

Good news for those who are hungry for good books. On Nathan Road opposite the Rose Hotel, there is a well-known book store that sells all kinds of reading matter from many parts of the world.

This is the Swindon Book Store. Yes, a familiar name. The Swindon Book Store has recently added to their large selection of reading matter three new novels.

They are "The Wakefield" by Mico de la Roche; "High Towers" by Thomas B. Costain; and "Cost Price" by Dorisford Yates.

Also sold at the book store is the finest stationery.

Books for all ages are being displayed at the mainland's leading book store for your selection.

There are also magazines, periodicals, newspapers etc. from overseas.

Also greeting cards for all occasions, children's painting books, puzzles, game books and atlases are among the large selection.

Or course you have heard of the Swatow Wen Lee Company on Nathan Road near Peking Road.

That is the place where best embroideries, tapestries, linens, silk and other materials can be obtained.

The Swatow Wen Lee Company is also the centre of Chinese silks.

Hand-embroidered handkerchiefs, silk scarves, table linen, dinner and luncheon sets of best quality are also sold here.

POST-WAR BUILDING

Like the rest of the Colony, Kowloon, since the end of the last war, now has a considerable amount of newly-built tenement houses.

During the time when Shanghai was threatened to be "liberated" by the Chinese Communists and later when Canton fell into red hands, more and more houses were being demanded by the inhabitants on the mainland.

Within the city limits itself in Kowloon, every available piece of land was secured by people who saw a fortune in erecting houses.

Many spots on the mainland were vacant lots of land months ago. Now they are covered with rows and rows of new tenement buildings.

Along Canton Road, Temple Street, Battery Street, Granville Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road, Prince Edward Road, Hung Hom district and everywhere throughout Kowloon, there are either bamboo scaffolds, indicating that buildings are under construction or some brand new buildings are beginning to take in tenants.

During the latter part of last year, quite a few apartment houses were also being erected, these including the buildings at King's Park district.

Another noteworthy structure that was completed before 1949 ended, was the huge telephone building on Nathan Road.

Aside from apartments, mansions, and other tenement buildings, several private hotels have also been built during the last year.

These include the Hotel Honor, Hotel Capital, The Roda Hotel and many others.

New private hotels

Some far-sighted landlords who believed that private hotels could bring forth quicker and more profits than tenement houses, decided to turn their tenements into small-scale private hotels before the buildings were completed.

And as the new houses were very much needed then, most of the newly built houses were occupied shortly after they were completed. In many instances even before the whole building was completed some flats in it were already being occupied by refugee families.

Just before the end of 1949, not all new houses were being occupied as quickly as those that had been built earlier.

This was perhaps due to either high rents asked by the landlords or some other complicated problems in renting a new house or flat.

As a result many refugee families and even some local residents gave up their plan of looking for a flat in town, and instead were willing to pay a little higher price for a vacant lot somewhere in the suburbs to build their own houses.

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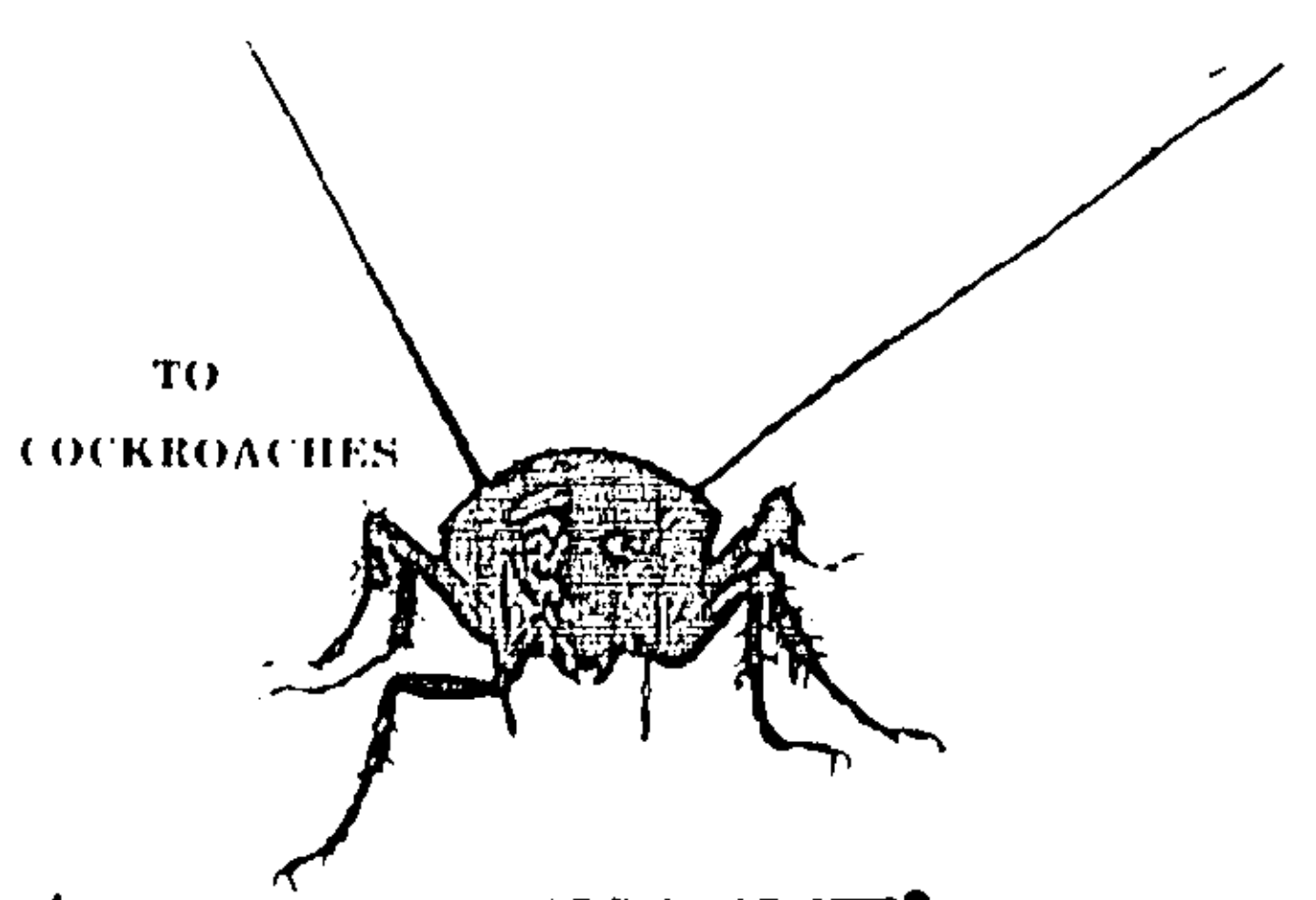
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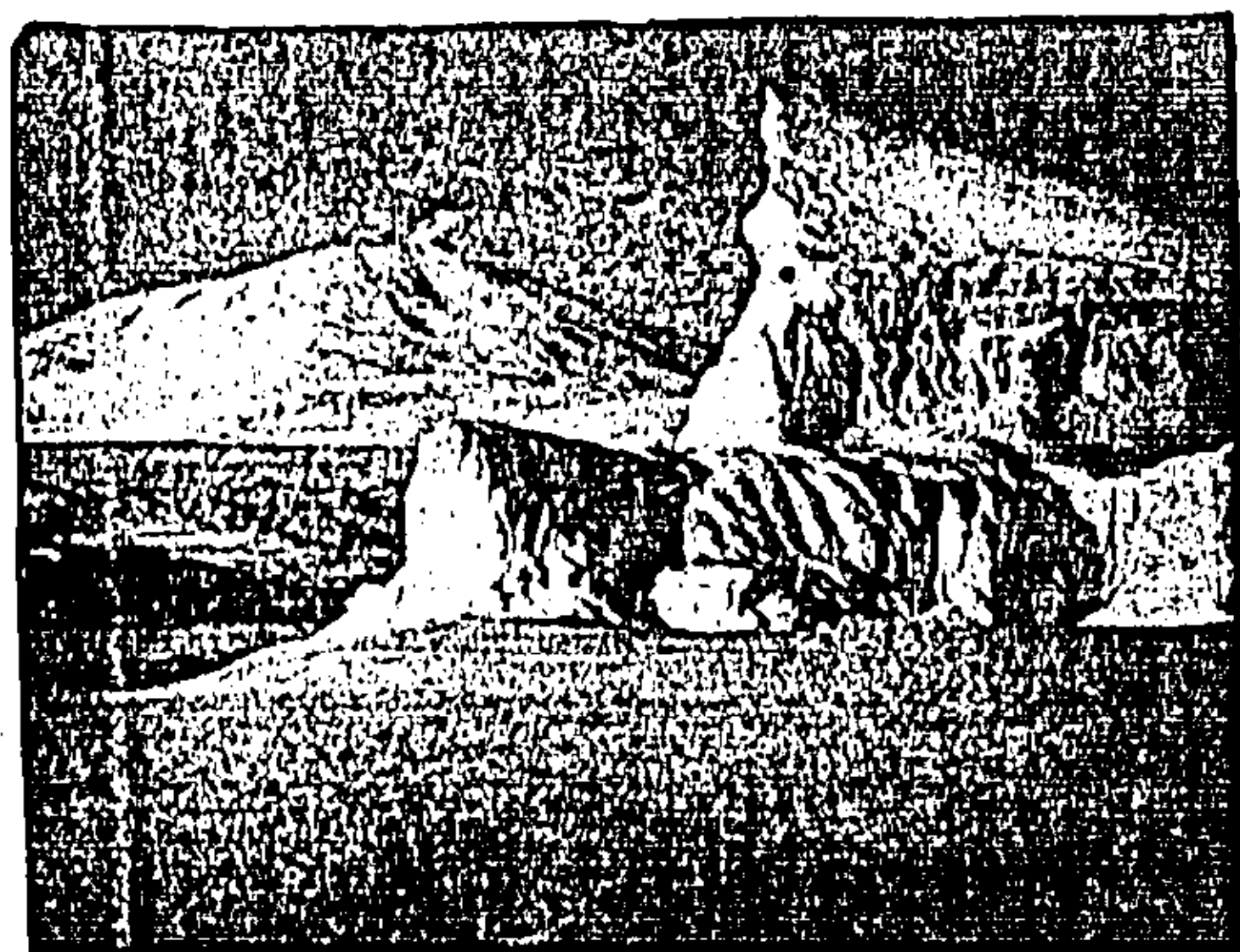
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SOVIET COMMUNISMEngineers want
wage increase

Birmingham, January 16.
A meeting of the 1,400 members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union today unanimously supported its claim for a weekly wage increase of £1.
The union is one of a number which are not in line with the support of the Trades Union Congress for the Government's "wage freeze," anti-inflation policy. The TUC on Thursday voted in favour of carrying this policy on through 1950.
Today's meeting represented 30,000 workers in this centre of the industrial Midlands. The increase claim is already before the employers, who will give their decision on February 2.—Reuter.

CROSSMAN
ISSUES
DENIAL

London, January 15.
The left wing Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Richard Crossman, denied today he was "the man behind" a move alleged by Conservative Sunday newspapers to replace Mr. Ernest Bevin by the present Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, as Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Crossman was named in the "Sunday Despatch" (Conservative) as likely to be Mr. Bevan's advisor.

The "Chronicle" said that Mr. Crossman was the man behind Mr. Bevin in his drive and that the Health Minister had told friends Mr. Crossman would be his Foreign Under-Secretary.

Mr. Crossman today commented: "There is no truth whatsoever in the idea that Mr. Bevin has ever asked me to advise him on foreign policy." He added: "We have long predicted that there would be an attempt to invent splits in the Labour Party in order to scare the electors with the Bevan bogey."

Mr. Crossman, who led the sectional rankers' revolt against Mr. Bevin's foreign policy in the House of Commons, was named as head of a new "leftist Twelve," alleged by Socialist opponents to be anxious to see the Foreign Secretary replaced if Labour won the February 23 election.

Labour supporters today believed that Mr. Bevin's voice would be one of the most powerful in the choice of his successor should he contemplate a change or relinquishing of office.

Some Parliamentary quarters have suggested Sir Stafford Cripps as a "probable" for the Foreign Secretaryship if there were a Cabinet reshuffle and think that in such circumstances the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, might succeed Sir Stafford Cripps as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Cost of living in rigorously rationed Britain was considered likely to become the critical election issue—with the housewives' reaction to austerity as the key to the verdict.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN
FILM PLANS

Prague, January 15.
The Soviet State film industry plans to produce 40 major pictures this year, including two "dedicated to unveiling the war-mongers," a Tass report to the Czechoslovak Press reported.

The pictures aimed at the "war-mongers" and designed to glorify the "Soviet Union's fight for peace" will be called "In A Certain Country" and "A Secret Mission."

The Russians also plan a new series of films dealing with the Soviet Union's "great patriotic war," as they call Russia's part in World War II.

Other major topics will be the other "People's Democracies" of Eastern Europe and various biographical films.
About half the major films will be produced in colour, the Soviet Ministry of Cinematography reported.

The year's programme also provides for extensive expansion of documentary and scientific pictures. The official report said 23 studios now were specialising in such films.
Export of films into the countries of the Soviet orbit also is to be broadened.—Associated Press.

The Soviet Russians appear to be not well-liked by the Chinese people in Manchuria, which, according to all reliable reports, is being used as an experimental ground for Soviet Communism in China.

Chinese travellers from Manchuria said the people there nicknamed the Russians "big nose," as they had nicknamed the Japanese "small nose."

They said a Communist cartoonist once drew many caricatures of a foreigner captioned "American Big Nose Imperialist." In one of the captions, he forgot to insert the word "American." The Russians took offence at that and the cartoonist is now in a training camp for re-education.

The Russian language has now been made compulsory in all schools in the country. One Communist-sponsored Chinese educational mission to Manchuria visited a primary school one day and asked the pupils whether they felt any differently towards studying Russian than they had studied Japanese during the old "Manchukuo" days. The pupils pulled a long face, but declined to answer.

Dislike of the Russians is reported to have crept into the rank and file of the Communist Party itself. According to the Communist propaganda, Liu Tsao-ning, the anti-Soviet writings of Hsiao Chun, another Communist journalist, had some influence on the younger members of the Party in Manchuria.

Liu made this admission in a series of seven articles reprinted in the Nanking "New China Daily" attacking Hsiao Chun for his charge against Soviet Russia as being imperialistic towards China.

The controversy within the Communist Party is generally taken as confirmation of private information filtering into China Proper of the unpopularity of Soviet influence in China's rich North East.

Special area

The exact extent of Soviet domination in Manchuria is hard to assess, but it must be very great, according to a popular belief among informed circles, because of the Soviet control of the vital Changchun Railway and the terminal ports of Dairen and Port Arthur.

Manchuria is now designated a special area. This correspondent has seen a Communist map in which Manchuria was coloured differently from the rest of China. Chinese may travel to any part of China with relative freedom, but travel to Manchuria is strictly controlled. A special permit has to be obtained from the local authorities with the approval of the Manchurian Communists.

Recently, the Communists in Shanghai suspended the issuance of permits to visit Manchuria, giving the cold weather there as the reason. Dairen and Port Arthur, which are virtually completely under Soviet domination, have been made super-special zones. Travel restrictions to the two ports are even stricter than those applying to other parts of Manchuria.

The Changchun Railway, which terminates at Port Arthur, does not maintain a direct service to the two ports. The train runs only as far as Wulihe, which is about 50 miles North West of Dairen. The passengers have to alight from the train, walk a short distance, show their permits to the Chinese Communist and Soviet guards and then board another train for Dairen.

Manchuria is now being ruled on the lines of Soviet Communism. All private property in the rural areas has been expropriated. Private property is still permitted in the urban districts, but it is now being gradually squeezed out by large state monopolies and crippling taxes and levies. No private banks exist there now.

According to the pro-Communist "Hsin Min Pao" in Shanghai, the ratio between state and private-owned industries in Manchuria now is 45:55. The production ratio this year in terms of kaolin is 10,240,000 tons for the State-owned and 1,000,000 tons for private-owned industries.

Three-year plan
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Li said that communications have been completely restored and land reforms carried out throughout the country, but said the burden of farmers is still high, because of their being made to bear the brunt of financing the war of "liberation."

According to Chinese travellers, the farmers like their fellow-beings in China Proper are subjected to heavy levies and taxes on their land production. They said that this has reduced the farmers to a new low in poverty and that a man possessing one ounce of gold is considered a rich man.
The Communist New China Agency reported on December 1



GETTING TOUGH AT THE TOP

FRUITLESS TALKS ON
THE SAAR QUESTION

Bonn, January 15.

The German-French talks on the Saar ended here tonight without any decisions on the French plan to seek 50-year leases on the coal mines in the region.

M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, said: "No agreements were reached between myself and Dr. Konrad Adenauer (the West German Chancellor) and no agreements were contemplated."

He added that there were no "magic formulae" for reconciling the French and German viewpoints over the Saar. He said that his talks with Dr. Adenauer would not influence France's decisions about the Saar.

He was addressing a Press conference after his two-hour private talk this afternoon with Dr. Adenauer—the most important of the exchanges on Franco-German problems between the two statesmen during M. Schuman's visit.

M. Schuman said what was intended was that there should be an exchange of views. He stressed the cordiality of the talks.

"Dr. Adenauer and I exchanged views and this is important, for it is the first time that the French and German Governments have been able to discuss this question," he declared.

Asked whether there was any change in the French plan to negotiate with the head of the Saar Government in Paris on February 7, the French Foreign Minister replied: "There are no change in our plans. Our proposals will be sent to Saarbrücken for study by the Saar Government before Herr Josef Hoffman (the Saar Premier) comes to Paris."

In reply to another question, M. Schuman said that the French Government would continue to apply the policy defined by the Saar Statute, which is based on the Constitution of 1947, which was voted by the Saar Parliament unanimously except for one Communist dissident.

Technical talks

The technical talks which will soon take place with the Saar Government aim at dealing with practical necessities. Insofar as these proposals make for change they are changes in favour of the Government and the population of the Saar.

These measures, like the Saar Statute as a whole, will have to be definitely concerned at the time of the peace treaty.

Asked whether the proposed 50-year lease to France of the Saar mines might be invalidated by the peace treaty, M. Schuman replied: "The peace treaty is almost certain."

To French observers, M. Schuman's visit to Germany has throughout been overshadowed by a sustained German propaganda barrage designed to frighten the German Government and to bring pressure on M. Schuman to abandon the French plan for leasing the Saar coal mines.

Anti-French feeling

This campaign has impressed the head of the Saar Government, who, according to official reports reaching Bonn from Saarbrücken today, is now worried about whether he should go on with Franco-Saar negotiations.

Anti-French feeling in the Saar has reached heights unsurpassed since the end of the war. According to the same reports, Saarlanders who were former Nazi Party members, ostensibly turned their backs on French singers and artists at a Red Cross concert in Saarbrücken on Saturday.

French official sources confirm that the French people in Saarbrücken are being increasingly subjected to public manifestations of hostility in the streets.—Reuter.

NEW INDIA LOAN

New Delhi, January 15.
The Government of India has decided to create a further issue of a two-and-a-half per cent loan, redeemable in 1955, for 15 crores of rupees.

This was announced by the Indian Ministry of Finance today. (One crore is the equivalent of 10,000,000 rupees).—Reuter.

Post-war building

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facturers' Union have held annual exhibitions.
Many people believe that since the Chinese Communists have now inaugurated a direct rail service between Canton and Shanghai, more refugee families will leave the Colony shortly. This may cause many newly-built houses to be vacant as quickly as they have been occupied.

A survey of the new houses erected in Ngau Chi Wan area revealed that although they are smaller in size than an average flat in town, they are much cheaper than the latter.

The only handicap is that most of the newly erected villas have neither running water nor electricity.

Those who could neither afford to rent a flat in town nor to have a house of their own in Diamond Hill district, turned to squatters' huts.

Among the numerous huts which were razed to the ground by the recent fire at Kowloon City district, many were erected by refugee workmen who believed that a squatter's hut was the cheapest form of having four walls and a roof in the Colony at present.

Throughout the whole of the mainland there are roughly speaking, about four centres of these squatters' areas.
They are: Shamshuipo district, Kowloon City district (now mostly burnt by the recent fire), Hung Hom district and along the foot of the hill near Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

Beside the houses that were erected for civilian use, also a considerable amount of military houses have been built during the past year.

Generally semi-circular-shaped bungalows which were quickly constructed, the military buildings are mostly in the New Territories.

Within the city itself, a few newly-built civilian buildings have been taken over for military use. They include the Telephone Building on Nathan Road and a handsome white apartment house opposite the vacant lot where the local Chinese Manu-

facturers' Union have held annual exhibitions.

Many people believe that since the Chinese Communists have now inaugurated a direct rail service between Canton and Shanghai, more refugee families will leave the Colony shortly. This may cause many newly-built houses to be vacant as quickly as they have been occupied.

A survey of the new houses erected in Ngau Chi Wan area revealed that although they are smaller in size than an average flat in town, they are much cheaper than the latter.

The only handicap is that most of the newly erected villas have neither running water nor electricity.

Those who could neither afford to rent a flat in town nor to have a house of their own in Diamond Hill district, turned to squatters' huts.

SILVER IMPORT
INTO AMERICA

New York, January 15.
Silver users imported an estimated 103,200,000 ounces of silver into the United States during 1949.

Handy and Harman, leading bullion dealers, reported that about 57 per cent of the imported silver came from Mexico alone. Silver exports totalled 33,400,000 ounces—most of which were shipments against foreign exchange orders. Exports in 1948 totalled 15,600,000 ounces.

The silver dealers estimated that arts and industries in the U.S. last year consumed about 90,000,000 ounces of silver.—Associated Press.

New Delhi, January 16.
Seven Japanese technicians brought here by the Government of India now are training 25 skilled and 450 unskilled workers in the methods of Japanese home industries.—Associated Press.

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AMERICA URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN EMPIRE AID PLAN

New York, January 15.

The "New York Times" today urged the United States to co-operate wholeheartedly in the British Commonwealth's mutual aid programme formulated at the Colombo conference. It advocated help both with money and "ideas and attitude."

The new conference, which was held in Colombo, Ceylon, last week, was the first of its kind since the war. It was attended by representatives of 14 British Commonwealth countries, including Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

The conference was held in a spirit of friendly co-operation and mutual understanding. The delegates discussed the problems of the Commonwealth countries and agreed on a number of resolutions.

The resolutions included a commitment to co-operate in the mutual aid programme. The delegates agreed to provide financial and technical assistance to each other in the event of a crisis.

The conference also discussed the problems of the Commonwealth countries in the field of trade and commerce. The delegates agreed to co-operate in the development of trade and commerce between the countries.

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HEALTH PLAN A SUCCESS

London, January 15.

Indication of the success of Britain's National Health Scheme was afforded by the publication of the Registrar-General's Quarterly Return, covering England and Wales.

Brightest note in the picture was the record-making decrease in still-birth and infant mortality rates in the September quarter, 1949. Deaths of children less than one year numbered 4,883, or 20 per 1000 births. The previous record was set in the same period of 1949, with 5,514 deaths, a rate of 28 per 1000 births.

Similarly, still-births hit a record low of 4,104 (21.9 per 1000), compared with the previous lowest rate of 4,947 (22.7 per 1000) in the September quarter of 1949.

The live birth rate went down slightly; 123,278 babies were born alive in the September quarter, which gives "19.6 per 1,000 total population, compared with 17.3, 20 and 19.8 in the three quarters of the preceding three years. Of these births, five per cent were illegitimate, nearly the same as the 5.3 per cent figure for 1948.

Deaths in England and Wales in the quarter totalled 107,207, somewhat fewer than in previous years, but the population increase, 42,971, was definitely less than the figures for 1947 and 1948, 119,400, and 99,337, respectively.

The sickness rate of people interviewed for the report was low. Of the men questioned, 92 per cent had been ill at some time in May, and 42 per cent of them had consulted doctors. The women reported nearly the same; 73 per cent had been ill, and 43 per cent went to the doctors. (No comparative figures were given for calls on physicians before inauguration of the National Health Scheme in July, 1949.)—United Press

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Britain to ask U.S. for more aid?

Washington, January 15.

Mr. Jesse P. Weloott, Republican Representative, predicted here today that Britain would shortly ask for further financial aid that would cost American taxpayers \$8,000,000,000.

The figure was the total sterling balances which the British owed India, Egypt and other countries, he stated.

The United States would be called on to liquidate that debt by accepting sterling for its exports.

Mr. Weloott said that this would be "the equivalent" of a loan and he added, "It is not expected that the Administration will label this \$8,000,000,000 transaction as a loan. The handling will be a roundabout matter to avoid consideration by Congress."

"While we are seeking to prevent the spread of Socialism in this country I do not feel we should grant this request," he declared.—Reuter.

Although details on the discussions at the conference are lacking, it is fairly obvious that the economic proposals considered the most constructive and realistic of the Commonwealth representatives.

"This should convey a broad hint to Americans," the "Herald-Tribune" declared.

"There is no question but that the fundamental sickness of South East Asia is economic in origin and that steps must be taken to strengthen the patient, to build up a healthy economy that can be the basis for sane political life."

"If other more immediate steps are necessary to arrest Communist infection, they must be made with a realization that the roots of the trouble are deep-seated and real."

"There was caution in Colombo, to build up a healthy economy, but thinking there was sound in the policy," Reuter.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

EXPERTS' PLANS FOR TRADE & EMPLOYMENT

Lake Success, January 16.

Exports of four nations, reporting to the United Nations today on ways of achieving full employment, urged closer international co-operation to stabilise world trade and a far more conscious direction of policy than has yet been attempted in developing non-industrial areas.

The unanimous report—by United States, British, French and Australian economists—emphasised the greater obligations on the United States and other highly industrialised nations for attaining lasting world prosperity.

In the section on investments, the experts urged that the World Bank be permitted to borrow from governments to lend to others for general development purposes. Instead of being limited to specific projects or special circumstances, the report urged action, internationally and domestically, to achieve and maintain full employment and other stable conditions.

Their recommendations for international action were:

1.—An international conference to be convened by the Economic and Social Council "to establish, at a reasonably early date, a new structural equilibrium in world trading relationship."

2.—The creation of a stable flow of international investment to under-developed areas to be channelled largely through the World Bank.

The report urged industrially advanced nations, "under a far more conscious direction of policy than has yet been attempted," to fix annual targets for five-year investment programmes, including, as well as public loans, private investment.

3.—The adoption of a scheme, to be operated through the International Monetary Fund, to prevent a world spread of deflationary pressures and a consequent decline in world trade.

Special measures

The experts urged special measures, including stockpiling, to maintain imports. The nations needed that each government should replenish from its own resources those of other nations depleted by a fall in its export demands.

They suggested internal measures, including fixing a full employment target, adopting fiscal, investment, production, wage and price policies to attain it and, alternatively, compensatory measures if these policies fail.

The experts were: Mr. John Maurice Clark, Professor of Economics at Columbia University, New York; Mr. Arthur Smithies, Professor of Economics at Harvard University; Mr. Nicholas Haldor, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge University; Mr. Pierre Uri, Economic and Financial Adviser to the Comptroller General Du Plan in Paris; and Mr. E. Ronald Walker, Economic Adviser to the Australian External Affairs Department.

Reuter.

Money Market

U.S. dollars were slightly weaker yesterday, closing at HK\$50.50½ after opening at HK\$50.50. TT was put through from HK\$50.10 to HK\$50.10.

U.S. dollars were down five cents to HK\$50.10.

Australian pounds at HK\$13.10 were unchanged.

Plaster was again nominal at HK\$15.10 a 100.

Tenks were unchanged at HK\$28.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders were down 20 cents to HK\$22.80 a 100.

New York, January 15.

A 314-mile segment of the 30- to 31-inch oil pipe line being constructed across Saudi Arabia has been completed as part of the Arabian American Oil Company's gathering system.

Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees Per

BURNS PHILP LINE

m.v. "MERKUR"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godowns where it will be at Consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on January 21 and 23, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 23, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before February 7, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hong Kong, January 17, 1950.

METAL MARKETS REVIEW

New York, January 15.

Moderately active demand for copper, lead and zinc kept prices unchanged last week. Tin and antimony quotations were held down under pressure of heavy supplies.

The copper market was considered strong at 18 1/2 cents a pound. With January at the half-way mark, orders booked for delivery this month already total nearly 100,000 tons. February bookings total more than 35,000 tons.

Domestic mine production of copper was 71,491 tons in December compared with 67,790 in November.

Lead buying continued in satisfactory value at 12 cents a pound. The dual price situation in zinc persisted through the week with some sales at 10 cents a pound, East Saint Louis, but with most of the firm price business going to the few sellers still quoting 9 3/4 cents.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation twice reduced the spot price of tin last week by a half cent on Monday and 3/4 of a cent on Friday, to match quotations in the private import market. The new price is 70 1/2 cents a pound, New York. Demand was slow.

Meanwhile, the leading seller of antimony cut the metal price by 3 1/4 cents a pound to 28 3/4 for bulk quantities, Laredo, Texas. The reduction was the first since a 6 1/2 cents cut last October 7.

Five hundred million dollars in new funds were asked by President Harry Truman in his budget message last week for stockpile purchases of metals and other strategic materials.

Prices of other major non-ferrous metals

Aluminum, 17 cents a pound. Manganese, 40 cents per unit, 81.8—83.8 cents a long ton unit.

Nickel, 40 cents a pound. Platinum, US\$69 an ounce wholesale, US\$72 retail.

Silver, 73.25 cents an ounce. Quicksilver, US\$71—US\$73 a flask of 70 pounds.

Tungsten ore US\$28.50 a short ton unit, delivered; Chinese nominal, US\$17.70—US\$18, New York. Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S/S "ELPENOR"

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, Jan. 17, 1950

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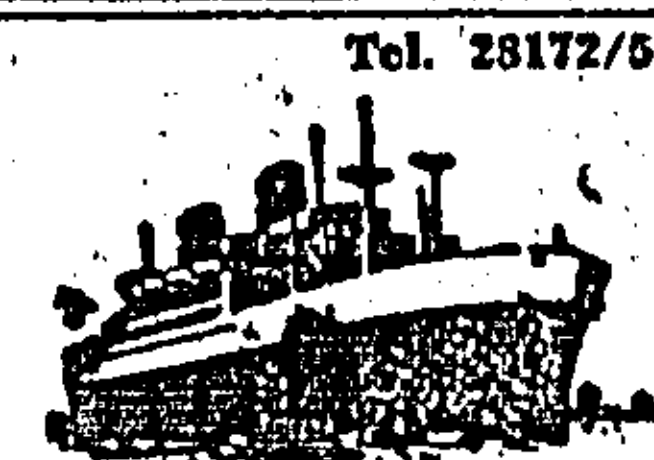
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"BENDORAN"	" " " " " "	on or abt. 21st Jan.
"BENMACDHUI"	" " " " " "	27th Jan.
"BENALDER"	" " " " " "	10th Feb.
"BENMHOR"	" " " " " "	12th Feb.
"BENAVON"	" " " " " "	25th Feb.
"BENALBANACH"	" " " " " "	26th Feb.
"BENVENUE"	" " " " " "	12th Mar.
"BENVANNOCH"	" " " " " "	20th Mar.

SAILINGS	Loading on or abt.
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"BENALDER"	" " " " " " 15th Feb.
"BENMHOR"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull. 10th Feb.
"BENVANNOCH"	" " " " " " 24th Mar.
"BENMACDHUI"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp. 31st Jan.
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